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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated September 10, 2002 in the aboveidentified patent application. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider the application in view of the following remarks. Applicants hereby traverse the Restriction Requirement made by the Examiner and provisionally elect Claims 1-20, drawn to a shaped container bottom, for examination in the present application.

Applicants reserve the right to file a petition from requirement for restriction pursuant to 37 C.F.R.§1.144.

Furthermore, Applicants hereby cancel pending Claim 21 but reserve the right to re-file the subject matter of Claim 21 in a separate case.

Respectfully submitted,

For: Mary Carmen Gasco, et al.

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